Tight security ordered for mosques, markets

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE, Dec 31: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has directed the authorities concerned to bolster security arrangements for shopping centres and Fajr, Traweeh and Juma prayers.

Presiding over a meeting on the law and order situation, he said anti-social elements and law-breakers should be kept under check.

He said the government was determined to deal firmly with the law breakers and terrorists and protect lives and properties of the people.

About the security arrangements at banks, the chief minister said the officials concerned should discuss the matter with the bank authorities. He said cash vans should be provided better security.

The chief minister was briefed about the law and order situation in various districts of the province. He was also briefed about the steps taken against profiteering.

WAGON STAND: Mian Shahbaz Sharif also paid a visit to Badamai Bagh, where inter-city wagon stands have been shifted recently to end congestion at the railway station. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the facilities for passengers.

He said waiting rooms should be completed at the earliest. For this purpose the construction work should be carried out round-the-clock.

The chief minister directed the Lord Mayor to personally supervise the task even if he had to stay at the site during nights.

He said the shifting of wagon stands to new premises should not cause problems to commuters.

The chief minister took serious notice of the state of latrines at Badami Bagh Bus Stand and ordered immediate arrest of the contractor who was charging Rs 4 to 5 a person.

Mian Shahbaz Sharif said the person who was causing so much 'torture' to commuters should himself undergo the same for a night.

He said in case of loadshedding, electricity should be provided to the bus stand by generators.